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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., October 11, 2016.

Members present: Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; Councilman Tim Black; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; Councilman Beckham A. Stanley; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilman Robert D. Carson

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were no minutes submitted for approval.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- He requested Brian Key, Regional Water Authority, to provide some dates for site visits for the new water treatment plant. There will be an open house at the Authority's wastewater treatment plant on October 15.
- He asked Mr. Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, to propose some dates for a joint meeting of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors and Bedford Town Council before the end of the year to discuss a number of issues of mutual interest.
- The groundbreaking at Beale's Brewery on Grove Street will be held on October 17 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Kolakowski said he had a visit earlier in the day from some developers who are looking at the site next door to the brewery.

Wayne Hale, Engineer, spoke regarding issues with sidewalks and drainage as he reviewed photos of the areas with issues. Mr. Hale also spoke about submission of an application for an allocation of funds to be matched through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Revenue Sharing program. He said the deadline for submission is November 1.

D. W. Lawhorne, Public Works Director, explained the request by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to put in some new monitoring wells at the closed landfill. Mr. Lawhorne said in December 2014 the Town was notified that wells were exceeding the non-detect limit. The staff has been in a series of talks with Golder Associates and DEQ to prepare a plan to alleviate this. Mr. Lawhorne said the Town has been doing a carbon injection, which DEQ allowed the Town to do and it is still being done. He said the levels dropped off but did not reach all the way to the bottom. Mr. Lawhorne reported that DEQ has come back and asked the Town to move forward and asked that the Town submit a plan to put in the new monitoring wells. Council had received a copy of the proposal submitted to DEQ to remediate that problem.

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Discussion ensued regarding the cost to put in the wells and approximately 1,000 feet of line, the cost of monitoring the five new wells, and continuing the carbon injection.

Town Manager Kolakowski passed out an emailed letter that was received at approximately 5:15 p.m. The letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development said that the Enterprise Zone amendment and expansion has been approved. Mr. Kolakowski said after quite an extensive and long time period they have approved the zone amendments and the expansion of the Enterprise Zone and it will begin with the 2016 calendar year. He reported that any work put forth by businesses for the entire calendar year will be eligible for the Enterprise Zone benefits.

Mike Waldo, Equipment Operator II, expressed appreciation on behalf of the employees at Public Works for the recent bonus that Council gave to the Town employees.

Sonia Jammes also thanked Council for the bonus on behalf the employees in the Municipal Building.

Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the request by the Bedford County School Board for Council to allow the Liberty High School baseball team to use the baseball field for practice at Liberty Lake Park. The committee is waiting to find out what the School Board and Board of Supervisors will pay towards the upgrades to the field.

Vice Mayor Rush, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the committee visited the Smyth Company with Councilman Vest and toured the plant.

Councilman Hailey, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said the committee met earlier in the evening and discussed recruitment issues and schooling for the police.

The Mayor said that there will be a Candlelight Vigil/Walk to Honor and Support Those Affected by Domestic Violence on October 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Wandrei said members of Council will switch back to dress coats at the next Council meeting.

Town Manager Kolakowski said that Henry "Rusty" Mansel, Grove Street, has requested to be appointed to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Councilman Black requested that the following item be added to the agenda: Discussion of the Liberty Lake Park baseball field.

Councilman Stanley asked Mr. Berry if he would compile some information about the tax exempt statuses of non-profits in the Town. Mr. Berry said he would try to have the information at the next meeting of Council.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council reappointed Jim Messier to the Redevelopment and Housing

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Authority for a term to expire October 13, 2020, and appointed Henry “Rusty” Mansel to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority for a term to expire October 13, 2020. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager reported that Bedford Main Street, Inc. is sponsoring the 2016 Bedford Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., (rain/snow date Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m.) and is requesting that Council authorize the closing of the following streets for the holiday event:

From 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Bedford Avenue Extension from 4th Street to the curve of the Recreation Field, Ashland Avenue from the curve of the Recreation Field to the Elks Home Driveway, College Street from Ashland Avenue to Peaks Street, and Mountain Avenue in its entirety.

From approximately 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Peaks Street from College Street to North Bridge Street, North Bridge Street from Peaks Street to East Main Street, East Main Street from North Bridge Street to South Street, South Street from East Main Street to Washington Street, Washington Street from South Street to Center Street, Center Street in its entirety, West Main Street from Center Street to 4th Street, 4th Street from West Main Street to Macon Street, Macon Street from 4th Street to Summit Street, and Summit Street from Macon Street to the first entrance to the Winn Dixie Parking Lot.

Mr. Kolakowski stated that Bedford Main Street will notify the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department of the street closings. Suitable public service announcements regarding these closings will be placed on the radio and in the newspaper. The residents of the affected streets will also be notified and will have ingress and egress to their homes. Town Council was requested to close the above streets for the Bedford Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. (rain/snow date Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m.).

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, voted upon and carried, Council approved the request to close the aforementioned street for the Bedford Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. (rain/snow date Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.)

Town Manager Kolakowski said the Bedford Area Family YMCA is requesting permission to hold the 37th YMCA’s Annual Peaks Otter Christmas Classic foot race on Saturday, December 3, 2016, and to block the following streets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:

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The course will start at the Bedford Middle School, exit onto Peaks Street, turn right onto Whitfield Dr, and left onto Oakwood. The 5k will continue down Oakwood for .28k more and turn around. Once the runners are heading back toward town on Oakwood Street, they will turn right onto Longwood Street and then continue on Longwood back to the Middle School entering at the upper (Longwood) entrance.

They would like to request that the right lane of traffic be closed off using cones beginning at Longwood Baptist Church, and continuing to Elm Street on Longwood. This will provide our participants with an extra margin of safety on Longwood Street. This road will need to be coned off from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Town Manager said that Town Council was requested to approve the closing of the above streets for the 37th YMCA's Annual Peaks Otter Christmas Classic foot race from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 3, 2016.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the closing of the aforementioned streets for the 37th YMCA's Annual Peaks Otter Christmas Classic foot race from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 3, 2016. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

There was discussion regarding the request by the Bedford Elks Lodge asking the Town to relieve the lodge from real estate tax liability on its property located on W. Main Street (tax map 193 A 51 T) and Ashland Avenue (tax map 172 A 1A T). The Town Attorney will report back to Council about how the Town can revoke existing tax exemptions.

Vice Mayor Rush moved to table the request by the Elks Lodge until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried, five members voting aye, one member voting nay (Stanley), and one member absent (Carson.)

The Town of Bedford currently has several drainage issues that will need attention in the near future. Mayor Wandrei said the staff has recommended the following five (5) be put at the top of the list.

1. Burks Hills Road behind and south of the Verizon building.
2. N. Bridge Street parking area to the north of the American National Bank. The bank on the northwest corner of the parking area is eroding away onto the RR track side and undermining the asphalt.

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3. Liberty Street issue west of the bus shop.
4. Wilson Street issue at the cul-de-sac.
5. Ashland Ave. /Lake Dr. /Panorama Lane issue.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried, Council adopted the above Drainage Issue Priority List as prepared by staff.

Town Manager Kolakowski spoke about the solar project: revised franchise documents have been received; Mr. Berry has reviewed the documents and is planning to advertise the lease; it is planned to have the system on-line for the summer of 2017.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried, Council authorized advertising the public hearing and receiving proposals on the solar project.

There was discussion regarding the request of the Bedford County School Board to use the baseball field at Liberty Lake Park as a practice field for the Liberty High School baseball team. Some issues discussed were: what work needs to be done, the cost, and maintenance of the field.

Councilman Black moved that Council appropriate \$20,000 for improvements to the Liberty Lake Park baseball field contingent upon the Bedford County Board of Supervisors and the Bedford County School Board each contributing \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey.

Councilman Black reviewed estimates for grading, fencing, and sod costs.

Councilman Vest moved that the motion be amended that the Town would contribute no more than \$20,000 for improvements to the baseball field. Councilman Black seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

The amended motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Mayor Wandrei	nay

Councilman Stanley moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1), personnel, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Councilman Black seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:28 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Councilman Black, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

The Town of Bedford currently has several drainage issues that will need attention in the near future. The Town staff has prepared a list containing many of those issues and is recommending the following five (5) be put at the top of the list.

6. Burks Hills Road behind and south of the Verizon building.
7. N. Bridge Street parking area to the north of the American National Bank. The bank on the northwest corner of the parking area is eroding away onto the RR track side and undermining the asphalt.
8. Liberty Street issue west of the bus shop.
9. Wilson Street issue at the cul-de-sac.
10. Ashland Ave. /Lake Dr. /Panorama Lane issue.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Town Council is requested to adopt the above Drainage Issue Priority List.